

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael V. WILES et al.

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Title: Transgenic Mice Containing Alpha-Endosulfine  
Gene Disruptions

Group Art Unit: 1645

Customer No. 26619

Deposit Account # 50-1271

Docket/Order No. R-948

Date: 19 April 2002

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to any action and/or consideration of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1, lines 3-5.

**REMARKS**


Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The foregoing amendment does not introduce new matter.

Enclosed herewith is Appendix A containing a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by this amendment.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

*I certify that this amendment and enclosures are being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 22, 2002.*

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## APPENDIX A

### In the Specification:

#### Related Applications

~~This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/256,195 filed December 13, 2000, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~